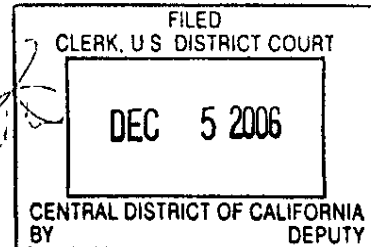
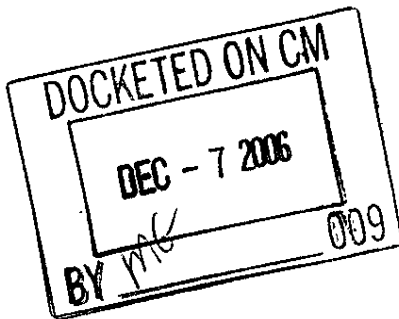


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HAROLD TODD HIX,  
Plaintiff[s],  
vs.  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.,  
Defendant[s].

ORDER RE: CASE MANAGEMENT

(REVISED AS OF NOVEMBER, 2006)

**READ IMMEDIATELY**

Counsel shall also be guided by the following special requirements:

2. The attorney attending any proceeding before this court must be the attorney who is primarily responsible for the conduct of the case.

3. **COURTESY COPIES:** A courtesy copy of all papers filed with the court shall be delivered to chambers at Room 660, Roybal Federal

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1 **Building, on the day of filing. Papers filed without a courtesy copy**  
2 **delivered to chambers WILL BE REJECTED AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

3 4. MOTIONS:

4 (a) Motions shall be filed and set for hearing in accordance  
5 with Local Rule 7-2, et seq. (formerly Local Rule 7). Motions shall be  
6 set on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise ordered by the court. If  
7 a Monday is a court holiday, no motions shall be set on the succeeding  
8 Tuesday. Any motions noticed for a holiday shall automatically be  
9 continued to the next Monday.

10 Counsel should take special note of the recent changes to  
11 the Local Rules which affect motion practice in this court. Among other  
12 things, counsel should be aware that Local Rule 7-3 (formerly Local Rule  
13 7.4.1) requires that counsel engage in a pre-filing conference "to  
14 discuss thoroughly . . . the substance of the contemplated motion and  
15 any potential resolution." The court expects counsel to discharge their  
16 obligation under Local Rule 7-3 in good faith. Even if a motion is  
17 still necessary after a good faith pre-filing conference, counsel should  
18 have sufficiently discussed the issues so that the briefing will be  
19 directed to those substantive issues which require resolution by the  
20 court. Minor procedural or other non-substantive matters should be  
21 resolved by counsel during the course of the conference.

22 Counsel should also take note that Local Rule 11-6  
23 (formerly Local Rule 3.10) limits all memoranda of points and  
24 authorities to "25 pages in length, excluding indices and exhibits,  
25 unless permitted by order of the judge." The court is of the view that  
26 the 25-page limitation is more than adequate for counsel to set forth  
27 his/her points and authorities, especially if counsel carefully reviews  
28 and edits the memorandum to ensure a concise and focused presentation.

1 Accordingly, routine requests to exceed the page limitation will be  
2 **DENIED**. Leave to exceed the page limitation will be granted only in  
3 extraordinary circumstances where counsel makes an adequate showing of  
4 specific facts in support of an application to exceed the page  
5 limitation.

6 (b) Unless clearly justified under the circumstances of the  
7 case, "motions to dismiss or in the alternative for summary  
8 adjudication" are discouraged. These composite motions tend to blur the  
9 legitimate distinction[s] between the two motions, which have different  
10 purposes. Frequently, the composite motions introduce evidence that is  
11 extrinsic to the pleadings. On the one hand, such evidence is improper  
12 for consideration on a Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) motion, while on the  
13 other hand, treatment of the motion as a Rule 56 motion frequently  
14 results in reasonable invocation of Rule 56(f) by the non-moving party.

15 (c) Moreover, Rule 12(b)(6) motions are discouraged unless  
16 counsel has a good faith belief that such motion will likely result in  
17 dismissal, without leave to amend, of all or at least some of the claims  
18 under applicable law.

19 (d) No party may file more than one motion pursuant to Fed. R.  
20 Civ. P. 56 regardless of whether such motion is denominated as a motion  
21 for summary judgment or summary adjudication.

22 (e) Generally, the court will rule on motions on the papers  
23 submitted, and without oral argument. Accordingly, counsel are advised  
24 to place all authorities and arguments in their moving or opposing  
25 papers. Counsel are reminded that the reply shall be limited to  
26 argument and/or authorities responsive to the opposition papers. Any  
27 improper introduction of new matter in the reply will be ignored by the  
28 court.

1           5.   DISCOVERY:   ALL DISCOVERY MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO A UNITED  
2 STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE (see initials in parentheses following the case  
3 number).   Discovery disputes of a significant nature should be brought  
4 promptly before the Magistrate Judge.   The court does not look favorably  
5 upon delay resulting from unnecessarily unresolved discovery disputes.  
6 Counsel are directed to contact the clerk for the assigned Magistrate  
7 Judge to schedule matters for hearing.   The words DISCOVERY MATTER shall  
8 appear in the caption of all documents relating to discovery to ensure  
9 proper routing.

10           The decision of the Magistrate Judge shall be final and binding,  
11 subject to modification by the District Judge only where it has been  
12 shown that the Magistrate Judge's order is clearly erroneous, contrary  
13 to law, or an abuse of discretion.

14           6.   EX PARTE APPLICATIONS:   Ex Parte Applications are considered on  
15 the papers and are not normally set for hearing.   Counsel are advised to  
16 file and serve their ex parte applications as soon as they realize that  
17 extraordinary relief is necessary.   This court entertains ex parte  
18 applications only in extraordinary circumstances -- sanctions may be  
19 imposed for misuse of ex parte applications.   See In Re: Intermagnetics  
20 America, Inc., 101 Bankr. 191 (C.D. Cal. 1989).   The requesting party  
21 shall serve the application by personal delivery or fax, and notify the  
22 responding party that opposing papers must be filed within 24 hours of  
23 such service.   Moreover, at the time of the application, the applicant  
24 shall comply with Local Rule 7-19.1 (formerly Local Rule 7.18.1), which  
25 inter alia, requires the applicant to advise the court in writing of the  
26 efforts to contact opposing counsel and of that counsel's intention to  
27 oppose the application.   The moving party's declaration in support of an  
28 ex parte application shall affirmatively show compliance with Local Rule

1 7-19 (formerly Local Rule 7.18) and this Order, failing which the  
2 application shall be DENIED.

3 7. TRIAL PREPARATION: This court strives to set trial dates as  
4 early as possible and does not approve of unnecessarily protracted  
5 discovery.

6 8. CONTINUANCES: Continuances are granted only upon a showing of  
7 good cause. Counsel requesting a continuance **MUST** submit a DETAILED  
8 declaration setting forth the reason therefor. Any continuances  
9 requested but not accompanied by said declaration will be rejected. The  
10 court sets **FIRM** trial dates and will not change them without a showing  
11 of good cause. **FIRM** trial dates are defined as dates on which counsel  
12 must be ready to proceed; however, the court may trail the action on 48  
13 hours call when necessary (e.g. in the event that a criminal case, an  
14 older civil case, or a case otherwise entitled to precedence by law,  
15 proceeds to trial on said date, or the court is otherwise occupied with  
16 other matters).

17 9. STIPULATIONS: NO stipulations extending scheduling dates set  
18 by this court are effective unless approved by the court. All  
19 stipulations must be accompanied by a DETAILED declaration explaining  
20 the reason for the stipulation. Any stipulation not in compliance with  
21 this Order or the Local Rules of the Central District will be rejected.  
22 Stipulations shall be submitted well in advance of the relief requested.  
23 Counsel wishing to know whether or not a stipulation has been approved  
24 shall comply with Local Rule 11-4.5 (formerly Local Rule 3.5.5).

25 10. NOTICE OF REMOVAL: All documents filed in state court,  
26 including answers and documents appended to a complaint, MUST be refiled  
27 in this court as a supplement or exhibit to the Notice of Removal. If  
28 an answer has not as yet been filed, said answer or responsive pleading

1 shall be filed in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure  
2 and the Local Rules of the Central District. Any pending motions must  
3 be re-noticed in accordance with Local Rule 7-2, et seq.

4 11. BANKRUPTCY APPEALS: Counsel shall comply with the ORDER RE  
5 PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN APPEAL FROM BANKRUPTCY COURT issued at the  
6 time the appeal is filed in the District Court. The matter is  
7 considered submitted upon the filing of the appellant's reply brief. No  
8 oral argument is held unless otherwise ordered by this court.

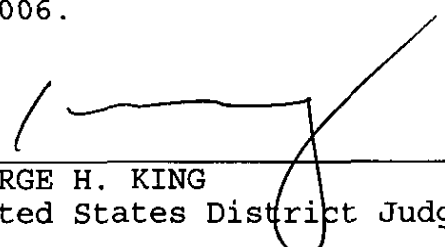
9 12. EARLY MEETING OF COUNSEL: [Deleted in light of the Amendments  
10 to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure effective December 1, 2000. See  
11 separate Order Setting Scheduling Conference.]

12 13. PREPARATION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE: [Deleted in light of the  
13 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure effective December 1,  
14 2000. See separate Order Setting Scheduling Conference.]

15 14. NOTICE: Counsel for plaintiff, or plaintiff if appearing on  
16 his or her own behalf, in an action commenced in this court, and counsel  
17 for defendant or defendant in pro per in a removed action, shall serve  
18 a copy of this Order on all other parties or their counsel at the  
19 earliest possible time. Counsel, or any party required to give notice  
20 of this Order, shall file proof of service of such notice within 48  
21 hours of the service of such notice.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 DATED: This 5 day of December, 2006.

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GEORGE H. KING  
United States District Judge